

Dear Legislators;

I am writing to let you know that as a dutiful resident of Connecticut, I am opposed to HB 5447 (An Act Implementing the recommendations of the auditors of a public accounts concerning private providers of special education).

I am a parent of a child with autism, as well as an educator in special education myself. I believe HB 5447 would limit students' ability to access a free appropriate public education. It is already difficult enough to fight for resources that my son has a right to receive--this bill would make it very difficult for his school district to recruit and schedule with professionals to work with him in our area, where there is a shortage of qualified BCBAs, OTs, and speech pathologists.

Please inform me of the outcome of this Act.

Best,

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